

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2006. By this response to the office action, claims 1-6 and 11-13 are canceled. No claims have been amended or added. As a result, claims 7-10, 21-27, 31-33 and 35-40 are now pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

A. Rejection: Claims 1, 4, and 11-13 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kailasam (U.S. 2005/0181598).

B. Response: By this response, claims 1, 4 and 11-13 have been canceled thereby obviating the Examiner's rejection under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kailasam (U.S. 2005/0181598). Applicant reserves the right to take any action, including swearing behind the Kailasam reference, in future filings for the claims.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

A. Rejection: Claims 2-3 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kailasam (U.S. 2005/0181598) in view of Cohen et al. (U.S. 2005/0215046).

B. Response: By this response, claims 2-3 have been canceled thereby obviating the Examiner's rejection under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kailasam (U.S. 2005/0181598) in view of Cohen et al. (U.S. 2005/0215046). Applicant reserves the right to take any action, including swearing behind the Kailasam reference, in future filings for the claims.

C. Rejection: Claims 5-6 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kailasam (U.S. 2005/0181598) in view of Chan et al. (U.S. 6,495,200).

D. Response: By this response, claims 5-6 have been canceled thereby obviating the Examiner's rejection under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kailasam (U.S. 2005/0181598) in view of Chan et al. (U.S. 6,495,200). Applicant reserves the right to take any action, including swearing behind the Kailasam reference, in future filings for the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-10, 21-27, 31-33, and 35-40 were allowed. The allowance of these claims is noted with appreciation.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6977 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Reservation of Rights

In the interest of clarity and brevity, Applicant may not have addressed every assertion made in the Office Action. Applicant's silence regarding any such assertion does not constitute any admission or acquiescence. Applicant reserves all rights not exercised in connection with this response, such as the right to challenge or rebut any tacit or explicit characterization of any reference or of any of the present claims, the right to challenge or rebut any asserted factual or legal basis of any of the rejections, the right to swear behind any cited reference such as provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, or the right to assert co-ownership of any cited reference. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited references or any other references of record are relevant to the present claims, or that they constitute prior art. To the extent that any rejection or assertion is based upon the Examiner's personal knowledge, rather than any objective evidence of record as manifested by a cited prior art reference, Applicant timely objects to such reliance

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on Official Notice, and reserves all rights to request that the Examiner provide a reference or affidavit in support of such assertion, as required by MPEP § 2144.03. Applicant reserves all rights to pursue any cancelled claims in a subsequent patent application claiming the benefit of priority of the present patent application, and to request rejoinder of any withdrawn claim, as required by MPEP § 821.04.

Respectfully submitted,

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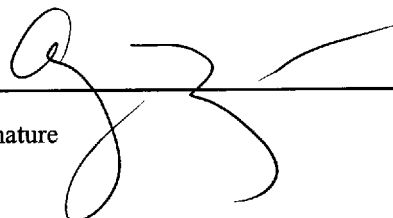
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